

## House Resolution 35 - Introduced

### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 35

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1 A Resolution urging Congress to preserve funding for  
2 workforce development and education programs.

3 WHEREAS, House Resolution 1 was passed by the  
4 United States House of Representatives on February 19,  
5 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives  
7 proposal would eliminate comprehensive early childhood  
8 services nationwide for 218,000 low-income children  
9 and their families, close over 16,000 Head Start  
10 and Early Head Start classrooms, and lay off 55,000  
11 teachers, teacher assistants, and related staff, with  
12 an estimated 1,800 kids in Iowa losing access to Head  
13 Start services; and

14 WHEREAS, the proposal cuts an additional \$5  
15 billion of funding for the United States Department  
16 of Education, including slashing Title I education  
17 funding by nearly \$700 million, meaning 2,400 schools  
18 serving one million disadvantaged students could lose  
19 funding, and approximately 10,000 teachers and aides  
20 could lose their jobs, with an estimated loss of more  
21 than \$4.5 million in grants to local Iowa educational  
22 agencies; and

23 WHEREAS, the proposal would cut almost \$600 million

1 in federal special education funding, leading to the  
2 loss of 7,000 education staff serving such students  
3 nationwide and a potential increase in state and local  
4 taxes to make up for the loss of more than \$5 million  
5 in federal funds to support special education in  
6 Iowa; and

7 WHEREAS, the proposal would cut aid to college  
8 students by reducing the maximum Pell Grant by 15  
9 percent at a time when college tuitions and student  
10 indebtedness are rising precipitously; and

11 WHEREAS, the proposal to cut the Perkins Tech  
12 Prep program will mean a loss of \$1.24 million to  
13 Iowa, along with additional cuts to the Elementary  
14 and Secondary School Counseling Program, YouthBuild,  
15 Career Pathways, and the High School Graduation  
16 Initiative; and

17 WHEREAS, the proposal would cut \$3.8 billion from  
18 key workforce development programs under the United  
19 States Department of Labor, including eliminating all  
20 2011 funding for the Adult, Dislocated Worker, and  
21 Youth programs under the Workforce Investment Act  
22 (WIA); and

23 WHEREAS, these cuts will cause more than 7,000 young  
24 people to lose access to services under YouthBuild,  
25 as many as 10,000 to lose access to services under  
26 Job Corps, and 276,000 to lose access to education,  
27 training, and work experiences; and

28 WHEREAS, these cuts will force 3,000 One-Stop  
29 centers found in local communities across the country  
30 to begin the process of closing their doors, likely

1 causing thousands of new job losses, and denying access  
2 to the more than eight million workers; and

3 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa currently receives some  
4 \$14 million from the United States Department of Labor  
5 for adult, youth, and dislocated workers, serving  
6 approximately 35,000 Iowans with an array of core and  
7 intensive services; and

8 WHEREAS, since 2009 the State of Iowa has received  
9 just over \$16 million in National Emergency Grants to  
10 support 4,700 workers losing their jobs through mass  
11 layoffs, including \$6 million through the federal  
12 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and

13 WHEREAS, Iowa's proportionate share of emergency  
14 grant funding under House Resolution 1 would provide  
15 funding to serve only 380 individuals; and

16 WHEREAS, these programs are essential to create and  
17 fill jobs, prepare workers whose jobs have disappeared  
18 for new careers, and train the American workforce for  
19 the demands of a 21st century global economy; and

20 WHEREAS, for the more than 14 million unemployed  
21 American workers, the impact of dismantling the public  
22 workforce and adult education systems could not be more  
23 devastating; NOW THEREFORE,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
25 the House of Representatives urges Congress to continue  
26 its commitment to job creation, economic growth, and  
27 opportunities for students and workers by maintaining  
28 funding for workforce development and education  
29 programs in the fiscal year 2012 federal budget.